इंडियन एयरलाइन्स की नगरीय सेवायें

2582. श्री [illegible] : क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री 3-8-88 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 930 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि इंडियन एयरलाइन्स की स्वीकृत नगरीय सेवाओं के अनुरूप वायुयान उपलब्ध न होने के फलस्वरूप विमानों के निर्धारित समय से अत्याधिक विलम्ब से पहुंचने की शिकायतें बनी हुई हैं ; और

(ख) खरीदे जाने वाले विमानों की अनुमानित लागत कितनी है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री (श्री मोती लाल वोरा) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) यातायात की मांग को पूरा करने के लिए इंडियन एयरलाइन्स 1989-90 के दौरान 1142.23 करोड़ रुपए के विदेशी मुद्रा अंश सहित 1238.37 करोड़ रुपए की अनुमानित लागत की खरीद पर, 19 एयरबस ए-320 विमान प्राप्त करेगी। अनुमानित लागत में 19 एयरबस ए-320 विमान, (फालतू इंजन), फालतू पुर्जे, भू-सहायक उपस्कर सिमुलेटर और प्रशिक्षण सहायक शामिल है।

2583. [*Transferred to the 18th Sept.,* 1988).

Death due to smoking

2584. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tobacco used in Indian cigarettes and bidis is far inferior in quality than that used in western cigarettes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the death toll per week from smoking is likely to be higher than that reported for U.K.; and

(c) whether any survey has been made on death due to smoking in the country, indicating whether these are notified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The available data indicate that tar and nicotine content of Indian cigarettes and bidis is higher than in Western Countries.

(b) No comparative data is available to say that death toll per week from smoking in India is higher than in U.K. However, it is estimated that about 8 lakhs people die every year due to tobacco-related diseases in the country.

(c) No country-wise survey of smoking trends has been carried out so far. However, the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Bombay conducted surveys on tobacco habit in the districts of Ernakulam (Kerala), Srikakulam (Andhra Pradesh) and Bhavnagar (Gujarat). As per this survey, the prevalence of tobacco habit varied from 18 per cent—86 per cent among males and 8 per cent to 6 per cent among females.

Dindigul to Madurai Broad-gauge line

2585 SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress of work on broad-gauge line between Dindigul to Madurai; and

(b) when it would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) 16 per cent.

(b) Its completion will depend on availability of resources in the coming years.

Broad-gauge rail line between Madurai and Manmachi

2586. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the plan for broad-gauge line betwe

Madurai and Maniachi in Tamil Nadu have been sanctioned by Government;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for which work has not started yet; and

(c) by when Government propose to commence the work?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Constraint of recources.

(c) Commencement of work on conversion of this section will be considerd after the work on parallel BG line between Dindigul and Madurai is nearly completed.

Master Plan to avoid road accidents

2587. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any Master Plan to avoid road accidents; and

(b) what is the number of new roads constructed and those which have been widened during the last three years, to facilitate the ever increasing traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) National Road Safety Council in its meeting held in July, 1987 have recommended the setting up State Level Road Safety Councils, truck parking complexes along national highways, formulation of road safety schemes, identifying the specific problems, increase publicity through various medias to highlight the traffic regulations, and inclusion of suitable chapter on road safety in text books for the children, as important measures for implementation to avoid road accidents.

(b) During the last three years, so far as National Highways which come under Central Govt are concerned missing links measuring four kms. on National Highways and another 12 bye-passes have been completed. In addition, widening of National Highways from single lane to two lanes in a length of 1026 Kms. and from two lanes to four lanes in 68 kms. have been completed.

Proposal to treat sale proceeds of old Boeings as revenue

2588. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air-India has proposed to Government to treat the sale proceeds of old Boeings amounting to about Rs. 55 crores as revenue;

(b) whether Government have agreed to the said proposal; and

(c) whether this is likely to give a distorted picture of the actual operational results?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Construction of road along east coast

2589. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVA JI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct coastal road between Trichapuram to Tada along east coast, as an alternate route to ease load of existing National Highways; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Union Government has no proposal to construct the coastal road between Trichapuram to Tada.

Shortage of forensic science experts in the country

2590. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKVARTY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that from